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SUBJ: SPACE AGREEMENT: VISIT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER TO USSR

REF: A. STATE 165343; B. STATE 173381; C. ANDERSON/TECH TELECON

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1. INTERKOSMOS INFORMED US TODAY, AUGUST 14, THAT PRESIDENT KELDYSH IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT BY FLETCHER SEPTEMBER 8-12 AND TO MEETING WITH HIM PERSONALLY. KELDYSH REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT HE IS NOT YET PREPARED FOR ANY IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF FURTHER LONG-RANGE SPACE COOPERATION BEYOND ASTP, AS THIS QUESTION IS STILL BEING STUDIED. WE AGAIN CONFIRMED TO SOVIETS THAT FLETCHER WAS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS OF QUITE GENERAL CHARACTER AND THAT FLETCHER FULLY AGREES THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR LATER MEETING BETWEEN DR. LOW AND KELDYSH.

2. ON BASIS OF REF C, WE CONVEYED FLETCHER'S FIRM INTENTION OF VISITING USSR FOR ABOVE-STATED PERIOD AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE SOVIET SIDE WITH EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PREPARATION OF PROGRAM OF VISIT CAN BE FIRMED UP. VISITS TO COSMONAUT TRAINING CENTER (STAR CITY) AND TO FLIGHT CONTROL CENTER (KALININGRAD) WILL DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM, AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH KELDYSH, PETROV, AND BRIEF ATTENDANCE AT ASTP WORKING GROUP SESSIONS THAT WILL BE IN PROGRESS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE SEPARATE

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MEETING WITH KIRILLIN, BUT THIS IS NOT FIRM YET. PLEASE ADVISE

WHETHER FLETCHER HAS ANY OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS REGARDING PROGRAM.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF ANY PERSONS IN ADDITION TO FLETCHER

AND FRUTKIN THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN ENTIRE FLETCHER PROGRAM.

4. CHARGE DUBS WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO HOST FUNCTION IN HONOR OF FLETCHER VISIT. DATE AND TIME OF FUNCTION WILL BE COORDINATED WITH SOVIETS.

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